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**Via FOIAonline and Email**

Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
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**Re: Request for Records Relating to:  
Chevron Mining, Inc. – Questa Mine  
NPDES Permit No. NM0022306**

Dear FOIA Liaison Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C § 552, Ralls Gruber & Niece LLP hereby requests the following documents:

1. For the period September 1, 2015 to the present, a complete set of written, mailed correspondences sent by EPA Region 6 to Chevron Mining, Inc. and by Chevron Mining, Inc. (or anyone acting on its behalf) to EPA Region 6 referring to or mentioning the water treatment plant being built at Chevron Mining, Inc.'s Questa Mine, located near Questa, New Mexico (NPDES Permit No. NM0022306).
2. For the period February 8, 2017 to the present, a complete set of the information provided by Chevron Mining, Inc. (or anyone acting on its behalf) in response to the EPA's February 8, 2017 Findings of Violations and Order for Compliance (Docket No. CWA-06-2017-1728; NPDES Permit Number NM0022306) ("February 8, 2017 Administrative Order"), including:
  - a) All of the signed progress reports submitted to the EPA detailing actions taken to correct the violations cited in the February 8, 2017 Administrative Order;
  - b) The certified final written report detailing the specific actions taken to correct the violations cited in the February 8, 2017 Administrative Order; and
  - c) Any other information or correspondence submitted to the EPA by Chevron Mining, Inc. (or anyone acting on its behalf) in response to the February 8, 2017 Administrative Order.

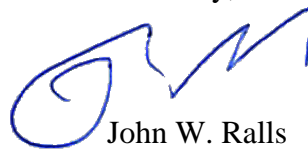
3. For the period February 8, 2017 to the present, a complete set of documents comprising enforcement actions (including the assessment of any monetary penalties as well as any decisions, findings, or orders) taken by EPA with regard to Chevron Mining, Inc.'s Questa Mine, located near Questa, New Mexico or NPDES Permit No. NM0022306.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R § 2.107(a), we are willing to pay the costs and fees for processing our request. We need no prior notice of the costs or fees unless they exceed \$2,500.00. If estimated search and copying costs and fees exceed \$2,500.00, please contact me before proceeding. (40 C.F.R. § 2.107(e).)

Please respond within twenty (20) days of the receipt of this request, as specified by 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(A). If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact me.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,



John W. Ralls